



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Thursday, September 13, 2012**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-4512)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Members:            Chairperson Zev Yaroslavsky, Vice Chairperson William Fujioka, Member Leroy Baca, Member Cynthia D. Banks, Member Ronald L Brown, Member Philip L. Browning, Member John A. Clarke, Member Lee Smalley Edmon, Member Jonathan Fielding, Member Lisa M. Garrett, Member Mitchell H. Katz, Member Jerry Powers, Member Sean Rogan, Member Joseph N. Smith, Member Marvin J. Southard, Member Sheryl Spiller and Member Mike Arnold

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review by Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairperson and William T Fujioka, Vice Chairperson. (12-4098)

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yaroslavsky at 10:20 a.m. Chairperson Yaroslavsky gave a brief overview of the agenda and what would be discussed during the meeting.**

**Council members from various stakeholder Departments and Agencies introduced themselves.**

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2. Approval of Statement of Proceedings from the meeting of June 7, 2012. (12-4099)

**On motion of Vice Chairperson Fujioka, seconded by Chairperson Yaroslavsky, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

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## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

**3. Presentation on Activities and Preliminary Roadmap by Workgroup. (12-4101)**

**A PowerPoint presentation submitted by Lesley Blacher and Elizabeth Boyce of the Chief Executive Office, and Flora Gil Krisiloff of the Third Supervisorial District presented an update on the activities of the LACICH Workgroup and a preliminary outline of the Roadmap.**

**The LACICH Workgroup is comprised of the 15 County/affiliated department representatives assigned by the LACICH membership. Ms. Krisiloff briefly spoke about the purpose, structure and outcomes developed from the Workgroup meetings.**

**Ms. Blacher highlighted the Workgroup's focus on three components:**

- 1. Current service delivery and barriers that Departments experience in providing homeless services.**
- 2. National and local best practices, particularly around youth and families.**
- 3. Synthesizing information into key goals, and a general framework for developing a Roadmap with recommendations to address homelessness.**

**Several core themes continued to resonate with the Workgroup. While services for homeless individuals and families tend to be fragmented, many promising practices have emerged through the pioneering work of Project 50 and several innovative housing programs for youth and other homeless subpopulations through Department-directed demonstration projects. Through the work done on Project 50, chronically homeless individuals were identified to have tremendous difficulty navigating County services. The way to address these difficulties is through a coordinated and collaborative service delivery process that uses a multidisciplinary, integrated team approach. The end goal of the Roadmap is to develop and/or implement more permanent supportive housing, and for each County Department to have a role in ending homelessness.**

**Five key goals for the four sub-populations (youth, families, chronically homeless and veterans) the Workgroup identified are:**

1. Permanent supportive housing
2. Data sharing
3. Enhanced funding integration
4. Regional interdepartmental health and human service teams
5. Legislative platform for homelessness

The operational framework used for organizing the Roadmap recommendations consists of:

1. Points of entry - How the focal populations enter our County systems.
2. Coordinated response - How we respond and move from a fragmented approach to a more coordinated/collaborative one.
3. Service delivery - We know from Project 50 that a multi-disciplinary, interdepartmental team approach produces the best outcomes for the most chronically homeless and difficult to serve.
4. The framework must help to support the implementation of more permanent supportive housing.

Data sharing, enhanced funding integration and a strong legislative platform are the unifying goals that help to support the entire continuum.

Ms. Boyce highlighted the positive impact of the LACICH Workgroup in terms of interdepartmental leadership.

The Workgroup proposes to focus on “Points of Entry” to better track and flag homeless individuals and to better understand the needs of homeless individuals, as well as to implement a web-based guide of County services; “Coordinated Response” to explore the feasibility and the cost of developing a central repository of critical information/services for departments to address needs immediately; “Multi-Disciplinary Interdepartmental Teams” (MITs) to develop demonstration projects for each sub-population to access and maintain “Permanent Supportive Housing”.

The Workgroup hopes to explore aligning ongoing Homeless Prevention Initiative funding and/or saving with the Los Angeles County Interdepartmental Council on Homelessness (LACICH) activities.

**Initial thoughts on a Legislative platform were highlighted.**

- 1. Support measures that would allocate additional or redirected existing resources to create and rehabilitate housing for low and extremely low-income populations.**
- 2. Encourage the California Department of Social Services to clarify that the Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP Plus) program may be used to offer permanent housing subsidies for young adults exiting foster care.**
- 3. Support a sustainable funding source through Medi-Cal for the supportive services that can be aligned with permanent housing.**
- 4. Support efforts to persuade the California Health and Human Services agency to add questions about homelessness to future iterations of applications for Medi-Cal, CALWORKS, and CALFresh.**
- 5. Participate in the State Interagency Council on Veterans.**
- 6. Support the California Homeless Youth Project's efforts to develop a State action plan to end youth homelessness.**

**Ms. Krisiloff shared that during the Workgroup sessions, the fundamentals of addressing homelessness needed to be more thoroughly flushed out, but that the Workgroup members acknowledged that every Department has something to contribute, but are not sure how to move forward.**

**Ms. Krisiloff concluded the Workgroup Report with a discussion of issues impacting the four sub-populations.**

**Youth:**

- Youth's risk can be established by a review of protective factors.**
- Support and encouragement should be provided to Probation and DCFS to shift from transitional housing to permanent supportive housing models.**

**Families:**

- Use lessons learned from the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program.**

**Chronically Homeless:**

- Apply lessons learned from the cost analysis of Project 50 and continue to implement more Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) as a County family.

**Veterans:**

- Use lessons learned from Project 60 to promote the partnering of the VA and community-based service providers.

Jed Minoff noted revenue maximization is crucial in developing resources.

After a discussion on the presentations, Chairperson Yaroslavsky requested that any comments on the draft Roadmap be sent to Flora Gil Krisiloff and Lesley Blacher within 30 days. The recommendations will be presented at the November meeting for final adoption. The report was received and filed.

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4. Presentation of Federal Reflections on Los Angeles County Homelessness by Barbara Poppe, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homeless. (12-4102)

Chairperson Yaroslavsky gave a brief introduction of Ms. Barbara Poppe, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). Ms. Poppe referenced a PowerPoint presentation and the "Opening Doors" pamphlet in her report. She stated that the homeless population in Los Angeles County offers a unique opportunity for different agencies to work collaboratively to align resources to meet the same challenges, create solutions and put in place a framework to prevent and end youth homelessness at the State and National level. Ms. Poppe noted President Obama's goal is to end homelessness across the Country.

The purpose of USICH as an Interagency Council is to:

- Create a plan to prevent and end homelessness that assesses overall needs, coordinate resources, and promotes National best practices. USICH can facilitate alignment of State-wide and local plans with the goals, vision, values, and strategies of "Opening Doors";
- Foster the development of local community plans to end homelessness;

- **Recommend policy, regulatory, and resource changes needed to accomplish the objectives outlined in the plan;**
- **Ensure accountability and results in implementation strategies;**
- **Create partnerships with local stakeholders and local elected officials through Continuums of Care and Ten Year Planning Councils;**
- **Promote a research-driven, performance-based, results-oriented plan and implementation strategy; and**
- **Sustain a non-partisan approach to address homelessness.**

**USICH has four priority goals:**

- (1) Ending chronic homelessness by 2015**
- (2) Ending veteran homelessness by 2015**
- (3) Ending youth, children and families homelessness by 2020**
- (4) To set up opportunities with other agencies to end homelessness.**

**In addition, Ms. Poppe reported that an Interagency workgroup led by Bryan Samuels, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families and Jennifer Ho, Deputy Director of USICH, was created to analyze data and review literature, report their findings to USICH and make recommendations to strategically and effectively address homelessness. Ms. Poppe responded to questions posed by the Council. Chairperson Yaroslavsky thanked Ms. Poppe for her time and the information presented.**

**Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

- 5. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Council, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-4104)**

**No matters were posted.**

#### **Public Comment**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. (12-4105)

**No members of the public addressed the Council.**

**Adjournment**

7. Adjournment for the meeting of September 13, 2012. (12-4103)

**On motion of Chairperson Zev Yaroslavsky, seconded by Vice Chairperson William T Fujioka, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.**